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SUBJECT: REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES WEATHER RADAR

INSTALLATIONS: VIRAC AND GUIUAN RADAR SITES

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1. REFTEL INDICATES THAT U. S. BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS HAVE
REDUCED AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE OF CYCLONES IN WESTERN
PACIFIC, AND THAT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FLEET WARNINGS TYPHOON
DATA CENTER AT GUAM NEEDS TO EXPLOIT ALL AVAILABLE DATA
SOURCES. TWO SUCH VITAL INSTALLATIONS ARE OPERATED BY GOP
AT VIRAC ON CANTANDUANES ISLAND AND AT GUIUAN ON SOUTHERN
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TIP OF SAMAR. UNFORTUNATELY AT PRESENT NEITHER FACILITY IS OPERABLE.

2. INFORMAL CONTACT WITH DIRECTOR PHILIPPINE WEATHER BUREAU INDICATES NECESSARY REPAIRS MAY NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL LATE 1973. RESOTRATION OF SYSTEMS PRIOR JUNE- NOVEMBER SEASON JUDGED CRITICAL IN REFTEL.

3. DOD DESIRES DEPARTMENT' S ASSISTANCE IN ENCOURAGING GOP TO TAKE STEPS TO RESTORE THE TWO FACILITIES TO FULL OPERATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY' S EFFORT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO DETERMINE FROM GOP IF REPAIR OF THESE FACILITIES CAN BE ACCELERATED PRIOR TO JUNE- SEPTEMBER TYPHOON SEASON IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST.

5. FYI: WE ARE UNABLE DETERMINE AT PRESENT WHETHER ANY U. S. RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO FACILITATE REPAIRS SHOULD GOP RAISE QUESTIONS. END FYI. ROGERS

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